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Makoto HAZAMA

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2004, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows, and that the rejection of record be reconsidered in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.